

# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210820-afghan-refugees.html>

Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai has asked countries around the world to open their borders to Afghan refugees. Malala is worried about the safety of millions of Afghans after the Taliban took over Afghanistan on August the 15th. Malala is an activist for human rights and comes from Pakistan. She was shot in the head by a Taliban gunman in 2012 because she supported education for girls. She was 15 years old at that time and was on the bus on her way to school. She is now worried that girls in Afghanistan will not receive a proper education. She is also concerned that women in Afghanistan will not have the freedom they have had for the past twenty years.

Ms Yousafzai became the youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize winner in 2014 at the age of 17. She has since continued campaigning for the education of women and children. She spoke to the BBC about the situation in Afghanistan. She called recent events "shocking" and said there is now an "urgent humanitarian crisis". She said: "We are living in a world where we're talking about advancements, about equality, about gender equality. We cannot see a country going decades and centuries back." She added: "We have to take some bold [actions] for the protection of women and girls, for the protection of minority groups and for peace and stability in that region."

Sources: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/malala-yousafzai-afghanistan-refugees-taliban-open-borders/>  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-58237871>  
<https://www.insideedition.com/malala-yousafzai-advocates-for-countries-to-open-their-borders-for-afghan-refugees-69182>

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

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|--------------|---|
| 1. winner    | a. A person who acts and works to bring about change.                     |
| 2. safety    | b. Something in life that all humans should have when they are born.      |
| 3. took over | c. A person or thing that wins something.                                 |
| 4. activist  | d. Correct.   |
| 5. right     | e. The condition of being free from danger, risk, or injury.              |
| 6. supported | f. Became the person or thing that is in control of someone or something. |
| 7. proper    | g. Helped and gave backing to.  |

## Paragraph 2

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| 8. campaigning   | h. The action of keeping someone or something from harm or danger. |
| 9. situation     | i. Working in an organized and active way toward a goal.           |
| 10. recent       | j. A set of facts and events in which one finds oneself.           |
| 11. urgent       | k. About human welfare.  |
| 12. humanitarian | l. Very, very, very important to do something now.                 |
| 13. crisis       | m. A time in the past close to now.                                |
| 14. protection   | n. A time of great difficulty, trouble, or danger.                 |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210820-afghan-refugees.html>

## 1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. Malala Yousafzai asked the USA to open its border to Afghan refugees. **T / F**
2. Malala is worried about the safety of millions of Afghans. **T / F**
3. The Taliban shot Malala in 2012. **T / F**
4. Malala worries women will lose the freedom they enjoyed for 20 years. **T / F**
5. Malala won the Nobel Peace Prize when she was 16 years old. **T / F**
6. Malala told the BBC that there is now a humanitarian crisis. **T / F**
7. Malala is worried about Afghanistan going back hundreds of years. **T / F**
8. Malala called for the protection of majority groups in Afghanistan. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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|---------------------|---------------|
| 1. <b>countries</b> | a. liberty    |
| 2. <b>worried</b>   | b. horrifying |
| 3. <b>activist</b>  | c. concerned  |
| 4. <b>proper</b>    | d. emergency  |
| 5. <b>freedom</b>   | e. nations    |
| 6. <b>continued</b> | f. brave      |
| 7. <b>shocking</b>  | g. genuine    |
| 8. <b>crisis</b>    | h. carried on |
| 9. <b>bold</b>      | i. area       |
| 10. <b>region</b>   | j. campaigner |

## 3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

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|--|----------------------------|
| 1. Nobel Peace Prize                   | a. for human rights        |
| 2. Malala is an activist               | b. crisis                  |
| 3. on her way                          | c. the past twenty years   |
| 4. receive a proper                    | d. minority groups         |
| 5. freedom they have had for           | e. equality                |
| 6. there is now an urgent humanitarian | f. winner Malala Yousafzai |
| 7. gender                              | g. in that region          |
| 8. going decades and                   | h. to school               |
| 9. the protection of                   | i. centuries back          |
| 10. peace and stability                | j. education               |



# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210820-afghan-refugees.html>

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| 1) What prize did Malala Yousafzai win?<br>a) the N-Peace Award<br>b) the Nobel Peace Prize<br>c) UN Peace Medal<br>d) Millennium Peace Prize for Women | 6) What news agency did Malala speak to?<br>a) the BBC<br>b) Al Jazeera<br>c) CNN<br>d) RT   |
| 2) When did the Taliban take over Afghanistan?<br>a) August the 14th<br>b) August the 16th<br>c) August the 12th<br>d) August the 15th                  | 7) What did Malala call the recent events?<br>a) horrifying<br>b) terrible<br>c) shocking<br>d) sad  |
| 3) What does the article say Malala is an activist for?<br>a) human rights<br>b) global peace<br>c) the environment<br>d) veterans' rights              | 8) How far back does Malala fear Afghanistan might go?<br>a) decades or centuries<br>b) dozens of years<br>c) years and years<br>d) months |
| 4) How old was Malala when she was shot?<br>a) 13<br>b) 14<br>c) 15<br>d) 16  | 9) What kind of actions did Malala say are needed?<br>a) bold actions<br>b) quick action<br>c) emergency actions<br>d) drastic actions     |
| 5) What is Malala worried that girls will not receive?<br>a) salaries<br>b) a proper education<br>c) jobs<br>d) fair treatment                          | 10) What did Malala call for in the region?<br>a) more charities<br>b) the return of US troops<br>c) investment<br>d) peace and stability  |

# AFGHANISTAN DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'Afghanistan'?
3. What do you know about Afghanistan?
4. What do you think of what is happening in Afghanistan?
5. What was the last news you heard about Afghanistan?
6. Who has responsibility for helping Afghan refugees?
7. What should the U.N. do to help Afghanistan?
8. What can your country do to help?
9. What are your biggest fears for the refugees?
10. What advice do you have for the refugees?

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# AFGHANISTAN DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'refugee'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Malala Yousafzai?
15. What bold actions does the world need to take?
16. How do you think refugees feel?
17. Why can't very rich countries do more to help refugees?
18. What three adjectives best describe this story?
19. What will Afghanistan be like this time next year?
20. What questions would you like to ask Malala?